MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know whether this amount includes repairs done at Padmavilas?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is stated in the answer.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know whether the amount of Rs. 51,456 represents the amount spent during the time of Mr. Krishnan Nair for all the seven years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes. But the main repairs are done only occasionally.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : It is said that two cars cost Rs. 25,408. Do not the Government think that it is exorbitant to purchase two cars for such an amount for a Dewan of such a small State as Travancore?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government do not think so. Moreover, a costly car is more durable and will last longer than a cheap car.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Then why do the Government go in for a car every year twice or thrice?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : We go in for cars only when there is necessity.

Article in the "Citizen" re Beggars.

140. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the letter under the caption "Our work among beggars" appearing in the *Citizen* dated the 24th September 1923?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : May I kuow what action has been taken by Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That cannot be answered. The question is whether Government have perused the letter and it is said they have.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I wish to know whether Government have taken any action.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government have not taken any action.

Survey Training and Appointments in the Land Revenue Department.

141. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have ruled that survey training is an essential qualification for appointments in the Land Revenue Department; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the inhabitants in the taluks lying to the north of Kottayam, where non-Hindus and non-caste Hindus, who are not adequately represented in the Revenue Department, mostly live, have not now the required facilities for training in survey?

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